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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takehiro KATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1722

Application No.: 09/431,154

Examiner: J. MACKEY

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For: VULCANIZING MOLD FOR PNEUMATIC TIRES

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW UNDER MPEP §713.04

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A personal interview was held with Examiner Mackey on April 14, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the interview. During the interview, the distinguishing features of the invention with respect to the references applied in the January 23, 2004 Office Action were discussed. The points presented paralleled those found

in the Request for Reconsideration filed April 7, 2004. No agreement was reached.

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